

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

**IN THE MATTER OF CONCILIATION)
SERVICES OF THE FAMILY COURT)
DEPARTMENT AND THE CLERK OF)
THE COURT TO BE AUTHORIZED TO)
ELECTRONICALLY STORE)
EVALUATIVE REPORTS ON THE)
COURT'S COMPUTER DRIVE)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2005-044**

Whereas, it is necessary for the judicial officer assigned to a family court case involving minor children to have unrestricted access to all evaluative reports prepared by Conciliation Services of the Family Court Department; and

Whereas, it is important to safeguard information of a sensitive or personal nature that may impact the best interests of a minor child, and to allow such information to remain confidential and therefore not accessible to the Public without prior judicial review and determination to the contrary; and

Whereas, these evaluative reports are currently presumptively sealed pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2002-120, and the unsealing process can cause delay in judicial officers obtaining timely information.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Director of Conciliation Services of the Family Court Department, or his/her designee shall electronically transmit and place on the court's computer system all evaluative reports generated by Conciliation Services, including all Full Evaluation reports and Parenting Conference reports produced pursuant to court order. The computer drive upon which these evaluative reports are stored shall be freely accessible to judicial officers and court personnel, but shall not be directly accessible to the public. A copy of each report shall be provided in electronic or paper form to the assigned judicial officer and the parties unless otherwise directed by the court.

2. Any judicial officer who determines that it is necessary or desirable to make an evaluative report part of the public record or to further disseminate the report, may direct that the report be filed in the relevant court file, be directly provided to the parties or their attorneys, or be otherwise disclosed to persons and in the manner directed by the court.

3. Administrative Order No. 2002-120 directing that these evaluative reports be sealed is vacated.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2005.

Hon. Norman J. Davis, Presiding Judge
Family Court Department

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